

## Section 1

### Crime & Human Trafficking

#### General Findings on Crime

- Emergency & non-emergency reports have increased by about 20% since 2019
- Law enforcement reports are concentrated in areas just south of i-10
- Trespass reports compose 30% of the total reports
- Larceny, assault, trespass & mental health reports are more than 80% of the total reports
- Mental health calls & baker act calls have increased over 100% since 2019
- Not all homeless are criminals and not all criminals are homeless. (more discussion in section on homelessness)

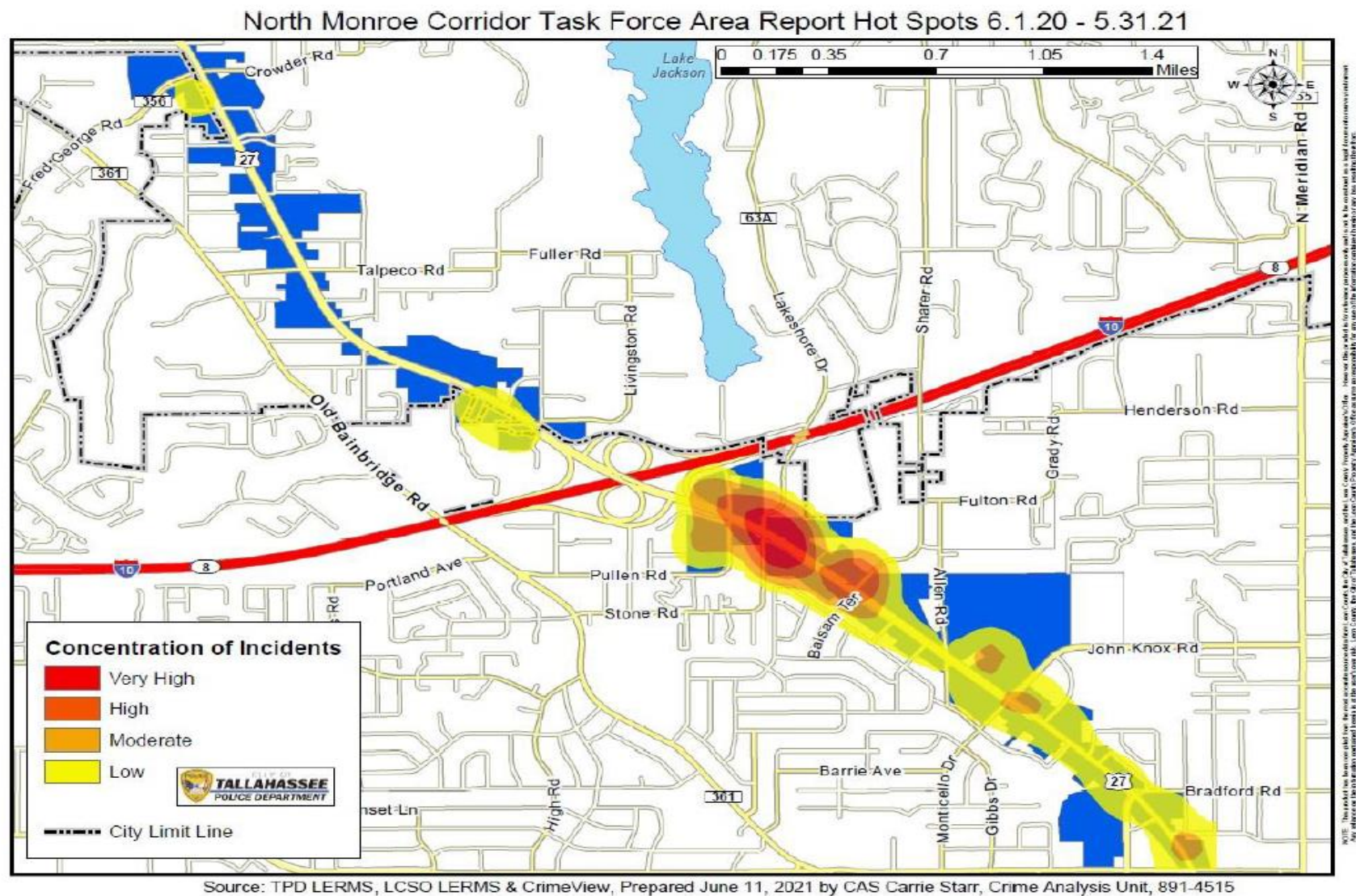
#### Panhandling

- Observed panhandling is endemic near I-10
- Panhandling is NOT A CRIME unless it obstructs traffic or causes safety issues
  - There is a safety issue at Callaway Road when panhandlers are in the median there

#### Trash & Debris

- Debris along the corridor has increased
  - There are trouble spots at the gas station near I-10 and Circle K
  - Some public rights-of-way have trash





## General Findings on Human Trafficking



- Human Trafficking is occurring at motels near I-10 on the corridor. human trafficking arrests, more than 170, occurred in Leon County in 2020
- It is a “crime of crimes” that is hard to identify on its face
  - It affects people regardless of age, race, or gender
  - COVID 19 has increased vulnerability
- There needs to be more awareness training and education for businesses (and residents).
  - In July 2021, the Leon County Commission created an initiative to train all businesses.
  - Florida law provides for mandatory education and awareness of human trafficking for healthcare professionals, law enforcement, select “public lodging” employees, signage at highway rest stops, ERs, and massage establishments and has encouraged others to be educated concerning the prevalence and incidence of human trafficking.
- Data collection is an issue. Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) doesn’t collect; Crime data on local human trafficking-related crimes not collected and is not available.
- No recorded labor trafficking arrests in Leon County
- Victims need a variety of short-term & long-term help
  - 28% of trafficking survivors encounter health care provider during experience
  - Survive & Thrive Advocacy Center (STAC) has assisted more than 65 victims of sex and labor trafficking (and those of severe risk) in this area
- Myths and misconceptions contribute greatly to its sustained prevalence.
- Local response efforts include Big Bend Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Local Law Enforcement Task Force



<b>Objective 1: Reduce General Crime (trespass, larceny, and assault) in the Corridor</b>			
<b>Resource</b>	<b>Opportunity Recommendation</b>	<b>Cost/Additional Needs</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Human Services “Street Outreach” Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the next year support increased resources to that team during the next budget cycle</li> <li>• Within 3 years, increase employment of the team by 50% to combat trespass, panhandling &amp; mental health calls</li> </ul>	County Funding Approved	Short-Term (1-3) years
Non-Emergency Reporting Mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the next year, market Leon County Citizens Connect, LSCO Connects, and Digitally on County and Law Enforcement Websites, fire fee inserts, and free publications.</li> <li>• Request City to place links to County non-emergency resources on law enforcement resource list</li> </ul>		
Corridor Signage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 6 months, review the County corridor signage ordinance to determine if “Welcome to Tallahassee” signage can be placed and include enhanced plantings</li> </ul>	(crossover item with corridor improvements)	
CPTED Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 6 months, make businesses, and neighborhoods and homeowners associations aware of available CPTED assessments</li> </ul>		
LCSO Business Emergency Decal Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 1 year, provide businesses along the corridor with information about how to obtain an emergency decal that provides after-hours contact information in the event of a call to law enforcement.</li> </ul>		
LCSO Neighborhood Crime Watch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send program and implementation information with a point of contact to all neighborhood and homeowners’ groups along the corridor.</li> </ul>		
Leon County Citizens Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send sign up information to neighborhood and homeowners’ groups along the corridor</li> </ul>		



LSCO & TPO Patrols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 6 months, make businesses, and neighborhoods &amp; homeowners associations aware of how additional patrols may be requested</li> </ul>		
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### Objective 2: Reduce Panhandling in the Corridor

Resource	Opportunity Recommendation	Cost/Additional Needs	Timeframe
Human Services "Street Outreach" Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See above item on "Street Outreach" Team</li> <li>• Incorporate survey/question component to find out why they are there and what they need</li> </ul>	County Funding Approved	Short-Term (1-3) years
Bustop Notices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within the next year, explore with StarMetro the possibility of posting notices at bus stops regarding available human and crisis services, and human trafficking reporting and services</li> </ul>		
Improve Median @ Callaway Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore with FDOT, through the safety team, the design of and/or plantings in the median at Callaway to prevent panhandling in the median (safety issue)</li> </ul>	Crossover issue with corridor improvements	

### Objective 3: Reduce Trash & Debris In Problem Areas

Resource	Opportunity Recommendation	Cost/Additional Needs	Timeframe
Human Services "Street Outreach" Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See above item on "Street Outreach" Team</li> </ul>	County Funding Approved	Short-Term (1-3) years
"Adopt a Road" or FDOT Program to Address Trash Along Corridor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request FDOT Voluntary Program to "adopt a highway" program a minimum of 2 times a year on US 27</li> <li>• Encourage local Keep Tallahassee Beautiful on local roadways.</li> </ul>		





Community Service Incarceration Pick-Up Programs	Develop regular request schedule to use “Community Service” and Incarceration pick-up programs		
Trash & Debris reporting as a community issue	Within the next year, market Leon County Citizens Connect, LSCO Connects, and Digitally on County and Law Enforcement Websites, fire fee inserts, and free publications.		
Strategic Trash Can Placement	Request additional trash receptacle placement & maintenance in publicly owned areas such as StarMetro bus stops		

Objective 4: Reduce Mental Health & Baker Act Calls			
Resource	Opportunity Recommendation	Cost/Addition al Needs	Timeframe
Human Services “Street Outreach” Team	• See above on “Street Outreach” Team	County Funding Approved	Short- Term (1- 3) years
Mental Health Response Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market Mental Health Response Unit in the City</li> <li>• Develop or Enter Agreement to use Mental Health Response Unit in the County; and support County budget item for this purpose.</li> <li>• Within the next 3 years, increase use of Mental Health Response Team for non-violent calls</li> </ul>		
Bustop Notices	• Within the next year, explore with StarMetro the possibility of posting notices at bus stops regarding available human and crisis services, and human trafficking reporting and services		



None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Business Incentive program to maintain property, reduce trash, and reduce trespass</li> <li>• Include attractive sign welcoming people to Tallahassee</li> </ul>	Crossover w/Corridor Improvement	
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Objective 5: Combat Human Trafficking On the Corridor by Building Capacity and Awareness			
Resource	Opportunity Recommendation	Cost/Addition al Needs	Timefra me
Human Trafficking Training and Signage Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request <u>DBPR review and confirm</u> that all hotels along the corridor have posted signage regarding human trafficking as required under FL law for “public lodging establishments” and that required staff (housekeeping and front desk staff) are compliant with training under this law.</li> <li>• Confirm <u>that others</u> (healthcare, massage establishments, etc.) who have mandatory signage and training are in-compliance</li> <li>• Request the Big Bend Coalition Against Human Trafficking (BBCAHT) to create information toolkit for businesses and others who have mandates regarding how to comply and available resources and help, <u>and request BBCAHT to develop a “Did You Know” informational flyer or other materials</u></li> </ul>	Contact DBPR for compliance; determine number of establishments in corridor; do site visits	Short-Term (1-3) years
Human Trafficking Training Law Enforcement Approved FDLE/CJST (Identify and Investigate Human Trafficking Training for Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Recommend that all law enforcement agencies in Leon County measure how many and what percentage of sworn law-enforcement staff have been trained in human trafficking</u></li> <li>• <u>Request Leon County law-enforcement agencies review/confirm that all sworn law enforcement with duties</u></li> </ul>		



Enforcement Officers) <a href="http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FCJEI/Online-Training/Identify-and-Investigate-Human-Trafficking-for-Law">http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FCJEI/Online-Training/Identify-and-Investigate-Human-Trafficking-for-Law</a> CEU-certified training for healthcare providers (CE Broker)	<p><u>in the Corridor have completed the mandatory FDLE/CJST training on human trafficking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require Leon County Staff (who were not trained in 2016, or who might require updates) receive appropriate training</li> <li>• Request City consider training staff on human trafficking</li> <li>• For local healthcare providers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Share information to all local healthcare providers regarding Florida law mandated human trafficking training</li> <li>○ <u>Request land use business/non-profit data to be created that identifies healthcare facilities/providers on the corridor for future training compliance queries</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Provide recommendations to community groups &amp; networks on available training and who is recommended to have training.</li> </ul>		
Human Trafficking Business Training and Certification Program [Provided by the Survive & Thrive Advocacy Center (STAC)]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within 1 year, develop the authorized Leon County free online training and promotional campaign and make available for all Leon County businesses (adopted 7/13/2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Include certification for those businesses that complete training and active outreach to Corridor and beyond</li> <li>○ Leon County to actively promote training program and availability</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Request the City Commission to consider similar training and promotional campaign as a project in collaboration with the County</u></li> </ul>		
Human Trafficking Awareness Month	In January 2022, participate in awareness and education activities associated with human trafficking awareness month by City and County acknowledging in at least one		





	City and one County Commission meeting with Proclamations, including a notice on the City's and County's calendar, and including a link to the national human trafficking awareness month website.		
Street Outreach Team	<p><u>Require "Street Outreach" team to have training and information available regarding human trafficking</u></p> <p>As part of the "Street Outreach" team, support employing existing outreach efforts like "Sidewalk Talk" to assist in educating people on the street and to assist in identifying victims or potential victims of human trafficking</p>		

